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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL

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Application Number	10/796,146
Filing Date	March 10, 2004
First Named Inventor	NIHEI et al
Group Art Unit: 2813	Confirmation No.:2043
Name of Examiner	Thanhha Pham
Attorney Docket No.	040102

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Note: 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53 (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar 20, 2000) 1233 Off. Gazette Pat Office (April 11, 2000) which established RCE practice.

1. Submission Required Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. Previously submitted

i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed
on _____
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered)

ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously
filed on _____

iii. Other _____

b. Enclosed

i. Preliminary Submission/Amendment/Reply
ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
iii. Information Disclosure Statement; PTO1449; _____ references
iv. Other _____

2. Miscellaneous

a. Suspension of Action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R.
§1.103(c) for a period of _____ months (period shall not exceed three months; Fee
under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)

b. Other _____

3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a. The Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency in the following fees, or credit
any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 01-2340

i. RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e)
ii. Extension of Time Fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
iii. Other _____

b. Please charge Deposit Account No. 01-2340 the sum of \$790.00 for the filing fee.

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